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EDITORIAL

Along the road of life there are many pauses; some great, others less so. This week some two hundred Seniors will pause for a time and receive their much desired diplomas. Then they will look ahead and begin their journey onward. This brief stop, the culmination of four years of striving is probably their most important. From now on they are college graduates, men with a purpose, in the possession of iron clad ideals.

Most especially they will be Catholic college graduates. As they enter into the world for which they have been preparing, obligations are placed upon their shoulders. In a few short seconds, the passing of a sheet of parchment from one hand to theirs, they are changed. By virtue of this symbol the Seniors automatically change from the popular cliché 'college boys' to college graduates. The implication is a heavy one. Where one day they are often looked upon as colorful, care-free students, the next finds them regarded expectantly. On them falls the responsibility of putting to good use all they have struggled to attain during their four years.

And what have these men drawn from college? The fully developed graduate will have added much to himself. From St. Michael's the graduating Seniors have acquired a basically sound philosophy of life that will ever remain the only true way of living. From the valuable instruction given them by older, wiser, more experienced men they are so much better equipped to see their way through the difficulties encountered daily in the world. Time and again the philosophies they have struggled through will carry them over the rough spots. These graduates are trained to keep, at all times, their eternal destiny before them.

The full power of the college during their stay here has been aimed at turning out men who are not primarily concerned with material gains. The entire system of courses is not based on graduating men with the notion to get all they can from life and forget all other principles. Rather, the whole purpose of this Catholic education is to have its graduates carry with them the true and surer principles. For it is by the principles that men are correctly ordered to live.

And the graduating Seniors have gained that priceless asset - firm friends. It has often been said that the friends of college days are the true, life-long ones. For this friendship is founded on the most solid ground. Together they have reached their full stature in the search for a firm way of life. Into a college friendship goes many ingredients. It is composed of many big and many little things. The close contacts of dormitory life. The seemingly never ending trails of work that must be done. The shoulder to shoulder sharing in sports, activities and religion. Each man has taken a little from another and added it to himself. There may be some who feel they have not gained much from college but everyone has gained that great asset - friends.

We sincerely hope that the graduating Seniors will cherish the friendships made here at St. Michael's. Strengthen the ties made in college. Remember always that they were classmates. At every opportunity renew these college friendships; by letters, reunions and visits. Keep alive the strong fire of comradeship you have lighted at St. Michael's.

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Summer Theatre, 1950:

Eliot Duvey Back Directing

Eliot Duvey will return this summer to direct plays at the St. Michael's Playhouse for the season beginning July 4, executive Director Henry G. Fairbanks announced today.

Ill last year, Duvey resumes a role he has had since summer theater came to Northern Vermont four years ago. He will also serve on the faculty of the Drama school during the summer session at St. Michael's College.

Noted as the director of the famed Tributary Theater in Boston, Duvey this season directed "Murder in the Cathedral" and "Winterset" at Boston, both of which received favorable critical comment.

At St. Michael's, Duvey will again have an Equity cast to work with, including several who have already won favor with Vermont audiences.

"The Heiress" and "Medea" are definitely scheduled with the rest of the season given over to such comedies as



ELIOT DUVEY

"Arsenic and Old Lace," "John Loves Mary" and "Papa is All." Prof. Fairbanks has not yet completed the full list of plays. Some of these will depend on the availability of guest stars.

Duvey has taught at Boston College and Northeastern University during the regular sessions. In addition to directing, he has played several times at St. Michael's, with the audiences generally agreeing that his portrayal of the Stage Manager in "Our Town" topped the list.

Well Balanced Cast Will Tread the Boards

St. Michael's Playhouse will have a well balanced cast this summer. Several favorites from past seasons will be joined by newcomers for the fourth season which begins July 4.

Robin Ladd, the striking young actress who had the lead role last year in the dramatic premiere of Emmett Lavery's

Marian Seldes, who toured with Judith Anderson this past season in "Medea" will return to the campus to be starred in "Medea" the week of August 1.

The magic name of Barrymore will be emblazoned on St. Michael's Playhouse as Ethel Barrymore Colt, daughter of the great Ethel, will play the part of Catherine Sloper in "The Heiress."

Also on the distaff side, the names of Helen Kelly, and Belva Morrell will be featured. Miss Kelly is dramatics coach at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania, while Miss Morrell is the wife of Arthur Edwards, the valued character actor of the company. They are currently at the Colonial Theater in Albany.

As leading man, George Pillette will make his bow to Vermont audiences. He has literally tramped the country, as he was born in the Columbia River district and got most of his early experience at the University of Oregon.

During the war he toured with the famed Joshua Logan. Since then, he has been leading man at several of the top summer theaters in the country.

As Eliot Duvey's good right hand man, Matt Horner will be back to act and to design sets. He worked on "Winterset" and "Murder in the Cathedral" this past season at the Tributary Theater in Boston, in addition to his work as recreation director of the Boston Community Center.

Arthur Edwards joined the company in mid-season last year and soon won a wide following, particularly as the small town editor in "The Night and the Star," the Christopher prize winning play by John Oberg which had its premiere at the theater.

Harry Scully, a graduate of St. Michael's, and Robert Young, who attended St. Michael's before graduating from the Theater School of Dramatic Arts in New York, will be returning to familiar scenes. Scully who was with the company last season will be stage

manager. He is finishing up graduate work at the Catholic University Drama Department. Young, who will probably play juvenile roles under the name of Jeffrey Wallace is a brother of Walt Wallace.

Final newcomer will be Harry Coble of Boston, a noted teacher of choreography and body movement and a veteran actor. He will also be on the faculty of the drama school



ROBIN LADD

"Tarquin," will be back as leading lady this year. She is definitely set for the lead in "The Heiress," the week of July 18.



GEORGE PILLETTE



MARIANNE SELDES

with Duvey and Horner. Executive Director of the summer theater is Prof. Henry G. Fairbanks, currently doing graduate work at the University of Notre Dame.



MATT HORNER

Tierney Hot

For the second straight season, the Purple Knights of St. Michael's College have a .400 hitter.

Bill Tierney, Kingston, N.Y., senior, converted from shortstop to a pitcher, hit an even .400 in eight games. Tommy Sullivan's .426 led the Knights last year. The Knights, coached by George "Doc" Jacobs, split in 12 games this season.

Tierney, an All State shortstop and a .342 hitter in 1947, became the Knights' number one mound choice this

year. He won four and lost a six hitter to the State Champions Middlebury, 5-2.

In the 42 innings he worked, Tierney fanned 31, walked 20, and gave up 30 hits including one triple and one single. He handcuffed Vermont in his final game with four hits and knocked in three runs to tumble the Cats out of a tie for first place in the state.

Dick Fitzgerald, Schenectady, N.Y., junior, got the most hits, 14, and followed the bespectacled Tierney in batting with a .2975 mark. Fitzgerald, a stellar first baseman, handled 105 chances and had only one error

charged against him in 12 games.

Other leading stickers for the Knights were: Johnny Donovan, Staten Island, N.Y., and Jack Cronin, Manchester, N.H., .292, and Joe Palermo, Union City, N.J., .285. Palermo, a pitcher, worked 33 2/3 innings and had a two one record.

The Knights had a team batting average of .2268 and the opposition batted .218.

by Jerry Healy '50
Sports Assistant

"Let's Face the Facts" Bishop O'Brien Says

Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, bishop of Hartford, last night assailed the philosophers' "conspiracy of silence" on the problems of evil. He gave the baccalaureate sermon in Immaculate Conception Cathedral for St. Michael's College.

The 215 seniors, largest class in the 47 year history of St. Michael's, heard the Bishop declare:

"The Catholic faith, the perennial philosophy of the West, is the only answer left in the world which can give any intelligent purpose or direction to men.

"The optimistic philosophers, the humanists, the pragmatists, the idealists, even the so-called realists have not come to grips with the problem of evil," Bishop O'Brien declared. "The events of recent years have furnished the philosopher with no new fact. What they have done is to make it impossible for him longer to ignore this fact."

A MELANCHOLY FACT

"It is the melancholy and rather disgraceful truth that the history of philosophy is largely a record of conspiracy of silence against the admission of the magnitude of the problem of evil."

Bishop O'Brien, who will not be able to attend the commencement, received after his sermon an honorary doctorate of laws for his work as a bishop and educator. He is former president of St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Conn. The citation was read by Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, president of St. Michael's.

LET'S FACE IT

"Today," said the bishop, "the problem of evil has to be faced. It is written on the man we pass in the street. It shouts from our newspaper headlines. It haunts itself across the divorce records of the nation. It is all around us. The ordinary man demands an answer."

"Some philosophers have seen it clearly and have described it accurately; but they attempted no solution. They merely threw up their hands and surrendered. But the faith in which you have been trained," the bishop told the Michaelmen, "does not ask you to despair. It asks you to look at life steadily and see it whole."

"Your faith tells you that there is evil indeed in the world, even within your own being," Bishop O'Brien said. "It tells you that it is there because God made man to be one kind of being and man is trying to make himself into another. God made us to know Him, to love Him and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven. But man, first of all through Adam, and then in his own person, has followed after his own will instead of the will of God. We have turned away from the very source of perfection, brightness, energy, love and light. This is the doctrine of original sin."

A REMEDY

"The doctrine of the Incarnation gives us the remedy for evil. God sent His only begotten Son into the world to live, to suffer and to die for us. His Son is risen from the dead to prove his divinity, to bring home to us as true, the almost incredible doctrine of our salvation."

Developing his text from St. Matthew: "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven," Bishop O'Brien urged his listeners to "become leaders among men."

The baccalaureate service was held off campus for the first time in the history of St. Michael's, since the college chapel could not handle the audience of about 1000.

LeBlanc Says:

"Farewell to SM"

Secular education and the culture it nourishes are guilty of a great contradiction when they would raise a moral society from amoral constituents.

Marcel J. P. LeBlanc, St. Michael's College valedictorian, said this to the 47th and largest class to be graduated from the Winooski Park College. He spoke in Burlington Memorial Auditorium where the exercises were held for the 215 seniors.

"The present alarming increase in the number of juvenile delinquents, adolescent gang wars, divorces and many of our other modern social ills stem from this contraction," LeBlanc said.

AN ACCUSING FINGER

"Secularism, however, points an accusing finger, not at its own invention, but at the family and the church. Yet the school which it so ruthlessly influences, far from being permitted to supplement the instruction received through the family and the church, is forced to discharge secretly its obligations in this respect."

LeBlanc noted the danger of letting suggestion take the place of discipline in education. "You can well imagine what would happen if municipal governments were to suggest that motorists stop at traffic signals or the federal government were to suggest rather than require that you pay your income taxes."

TWOFOLD CRISIS

LeBlanc traced the twofold crisis in education: financial and moral. "This is," he said, "a direct result of our forgetfulness of the true nature of education and the individual it seeks to educate, a result of our attempt to keep in operation a vast and vital plant, the school, without allotting sufficient reserves in personnel and capital."

"The failure of secular education," he said, "is that it possesses no sense of revelation. It has restricted its instruction to what it terms the useful and practical. Nowhere does it attempt to impart to existence its true and complete meaning." "Secularism," he said, "has resulted in the training of minds and bodies, but not of personalities and character. We have mistaken uniformity for unity."

Class of '50

Massachusetts, the home of the Bean, Cod, Lowells and Cabots, is also the home of most of the Michaelmen.

Of the 215 seniors getting their degrees today, 88 hail from the Bay State.

Next to Massachusetts, the top state for graduates is Vermont. Forty-three of today's group are Green Mountain Boys.

Behind Vermont, New York and Connecticut rank three, four with 36 and 27 respectively.

After Connecticut, the total dwindles rapidly to

Class of '50 Donates Grotto

The Class of '50 will leave behind it more than 'just a memory.'

Not content with the whole list of precedents they had already established, the men of '50 added one more to their list this week when they completed arrangements for the construction of a grotto.

In less than a month the seniors have completed their plans for the grotto which will be dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. The memorial is being erected in honor of the Michaelmen dead of the Second World War.

The ten foot grotto will be made of Barre granite with a six foot statue of Carrara marble.

The students were aided

in their work by Charles Frenette of the Winooski Monument Company. Frenette volunteered his help in the raising of the grotto.

The seniors themselves arranged to pay for the memorial through voluntary contributions. There was no set contribution but each student pledged himself to give what he could towards the con-

struction of the grotto.

Leading in the project was a committee of Gus Contant, Tom Kenney and Jack Berry.

The grotto will be constructed in the College Park across the road from Old Hall. The exact location is still to be decided. Tentative plans call for dedication of the grotto on Sept. 30, Homecoming Day.

Five Honorary Degrees At Commencement

St. Michael's College will confer five honorary degrees at its 47th commencement this afternoon. Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, S.S.E., president, said two bishops and three laymen would be given honorary doctorates.

Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, archbishop of Boston and Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, bishop of Hartford, are the honored prelates.

Laymen to receive doctorates include: Judge John E. Swift, Milford, Mass., supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus; Elwood C. Kastner, registrar of New York University, world's largest university; John T. Madden, prominent Catholic layman, and president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of New York City.

Madden will become a doctor of humanities. The other four will be made doctors of law.

Archbishop Cushing will be the commencement speaker to the largest class yet to be graduated from St. Michael's. The ceremony, to accommodate the 215 seniors and their guests, will be in the Memorial Auditorium at Burlington.

rial Auditorium at Burlington.

Bishop O'Brien, former president of St. Thomas Seminary at Hartford, gave the baccalaureate sermon last night in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral at Burlington. Bishop O'Brien received his degree after his sermon yesterday.

Judge Swift, of the Massachusetts superior court bench, gave the commencement address at St. Michael's in 1947.

Kastner was recently elected president of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admittance Officers.

Madden, a Knight of Malta, is a member of the Cardinal's Committee for the Laity in New York.

The baccalaureate program was at 8:30 p.m. on June 1, the commencement program is at 2 p.m. on June 2.

Familiar Faces Back on Campus

Some of St. Michael's most distinguished citizens will be around the campus this weekend as the College Alumni Association holds its annual reunion.

The reunion is being held so as to coincide with the graduation exercises and with the tenth reunion of the Class of '40.

The returning grads will be greeted by new alumni head, Sal J. Lanzetta.

The reunion got under way last night with the Commencement Eve Dance held at the Burlington Yacht Club of the Allenwood Inn. All graduates and also all members of the ten year class, were special guests at this semi-formal affair.

After the Commencement exercises today, a Buffet Supper will be served in the College Dining Hall.

ALUMNI JAMBOREE

Friday night there will be the annual Jamboree at Happy Acres.

Saturday morning the Alumni Memorial High Mass will be celebrated by Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, president of St. Michael's. The Mass is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the College Chapel.

The general reunion will close with a luncheon-business session in the College Dining Hall.

TEN YEAR MEN

With the close of the general reunion, the Class of '40 will take over.

Saturday afternoon there will be an inter-class softball game and general bull session.

Saturday night there will be a dinner dance on the Roof Garden of the Hotel Vermont. Special guests for this event will be the Very Rev. Jeremiah T. Purtill, Superior General of the Society of St. Edmund, and Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, president of the college.

During the undergraduate days of the Class of '40, Father Purtill was Dean of Studies, and Father Lyons was college treasurer.

Sunday morning, the reunion will close with a Memorial High Mass for the deceased members of the class. Rev. Francis Moriarty will celebrate the Mass which will be offered at 10:00 a.m. in the College Chapel.

The Purple Knights of St. Michael's College left 104 runners on base this season in 12 games.

Jack Cronin, Manchester, N.H., and Johnny Donovan, Staten Island, N.Y., both collected 12 hits in 41 trips to the plate for the Purple Knights of St. Michael's College. Their batting average was .292 with Donovan, a senior, scoring 11 runs and Cronin 10.



For many of us this is the St. Michael's we will remember - a campus of steamshovels, mud and impromptu trenches. For the NEW St. Michael's - See you at Homecoming Day.

New Jersey's nine seniors and Maine's eight.

Rhode Island accounts for three of the current seniors while New Hampshire has two representatives in the class.

Pennsylvania and Alabama bring up the tail with a solitary senior apiece.

Fr. Moriarty is looking for volunteers to help with freshman week activities. Any underclassmen who might like to help should drop a line to Father care of the Alumni office.

EDITORIAL

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Words cannot adequately sum up what a man takes from college. If their education has been complete they need but search their mind and heart to see the gratifying effects of a sound Catholic education. They have put much into St. Michael's. It is sincerely hoped they will take away from here much of the opportunities which have been offered them.

Good luck and God bless you! St. Michael's will always remember you and we hope you will always remember St. Michael's.

Buck McMahon

Sophomore Jack Cronin, Manchester, N.H., was the leading man for the Purple Knights of St. Michael's College in the runs batted in column. A member of the Legion state title baseball team two seasons ago, Cronin drove in 13 runs.

The Purple Knights of St. Michael's College were outscored in 12 games by the opposition but outhit them 93 to 92. The Knights, who had a 6-6 record, had a team batting average of .2268. The opposition batted .218.

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Scanlon Named Business Manager Of 1951 Shield

Andy Scanlon had better start brushing up on his math!

Scanlon, a junior from Schenectady, N.Y. will be the one responsible for battling with the dollar signs and debit marks for next year's edition of the SHIELD.

Scanlon was named this week as Business Manager of the '51 yearbook.

A major in Business Administration, Scanlon is treasurer of the Debating Society and make-up editor of the MICHAELMAN.

Due to labor difficulties, the 1950 edition of the SHIELD is still not ready. The yearbook will be mailed to the seniors. Underclassmen will be able to pick their books up in September.

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